

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q101062

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Appln. No.: 10/540,394

Group Art Unit: 1643

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Examiner: Bradley DUFFY

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For: NOVEL PROTEINS AND USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the restriction requirement mailed April 16, 2007. Specifically, Applicants elect Group XXXI, Claims 29-30, for examination.

This election is made with traverse. In particular, elected Group XXXI contains Claims 29-30 drawn to an antibody that specifically binds a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:1. Each of Groups X, XI, and XII contains Claims 14-16 and 25-27 drawn to antibodies that specifically bind a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:7 or SEQ ID NO:10, respectively, and compositions comprising the antibodies. Groups X, XI, and XII should be grouped together with elected Group XXXI. In this regard, Applicants kindly direct the examiner's attention to Example 4 beginning at page 72 of the present specification, in which it is indicated that the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:7, or SEQ ID NO:10 only differs from the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 by one amino acid.

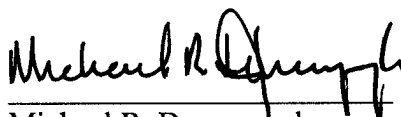
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Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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